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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 628
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the McNairy Central High School Bobcats for winning the 2001 TSSAA Region 6-AAA Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the state of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, the McNairy Central High School Bobcats achieved noteworthy success during the 2001 season by completing an undefeated regular season and winning the Region 6-AAA Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Bobcats opened the season in dominating fashion, defeating Adamsville by a score of 54-0; in compiling an unblemished regular season record, they outscored their opponents by a remarkable average margin of more than twenty-seven points and earned a berth in the TSSAA State Championship Playoffs; and

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WHEREAS, the McNairy Central squad achieved their remarkable success by utilizing an extraordinary combination of powerful offense, stifling defense, explosive special teams, and unquestionable heart; and

WHEREAS, the offense utilized an impressive array of weapons to fuel the Bobcats overpowering offensive unit, which astonishingly averaged nearly forty points per game for the season; and

WHEREAS, opposing offenses were repeatedly ground to a halt in the face of the Bobcats' formidable defense; their front seven dominated the line of scrimmage and shut down opposing running games, while the defensive backs controlled the airways and stalled any of the opposition's attempts at establishing a passing attack; and

WHEREAS, the Bobcats' special teams unit provided a significant advantage by repeatedly removing the team from poor field position and bestowing that unwelcome situation upon opposing teams and threatening to turn the tide of a game at any time; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tommy Browder, Assistant Head Coach Mike Jones, and Assistant Coaches Danny Combs, Steve Stroud, and Johnny Cox laid the groundwork for the championship season by sharing their substantial knowledge of football with the young men on the team; and

WHEREAS, Principal Cecil Stroup, Athletic Director Danny Day, and Director of Schools Charlie Miskelly contributed significantly to the team's success by providing their fullest support to the football program; and

WHEREAS, much time and considerable talent was devoted to the championship effort by the team's support staff, Trainer Wendy Elbe, Statisticians Suzanne Browder and Dawn Jones, Videographer Brian Reid, and Managers Blake Browder, Jonathon Jones, Nathan Stroud, Jesse Stroud, and Jacob Weatherford; and

WHEREAS, the Bobcats drew great inspiration from the McNairy Central Cheerleaders, Erin Brown, Shay Brown, Lani Hart, Lauren Maness, Talina Wilson, Sarah Beth Barnes, Lindsay

Mitchell, Jenny Whitaker, Nikki Anthony, Briann Hughes, Angela Shea, and Jessica Bowen and their Sponsor, Tiffany Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the football players at McNairy Central High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the gridiron while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the student body and united the entire McNairy County community in completing their triumphal run through the 2001 season; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary members of the 2001 Blue and Gold were: Seniors Bart Browder, Marcus Boehler, Eric Brown, Tory Riley, Mecus Atkins, D.J. Norton, and George Carpenter; Juniors Will Shelton, Chris Dichiara, John Austin, Jake Hamm, Greg Baxter, Mark Wheeler, Matt Rickman, Glenn Mullins, Josh Moore, Chris Modltz, Matt Doyle, and Adam McCormick; Sophomores Skylar Crayton, Michael Stackens, Joey Mullins, Brad Prather, Ross Moore, and Jesse Kiestler; and Freshmen Clay Maness, Codye Tomaszewski, Jake Kiser, Brandon Miller, Cory Cooper, Jonathan Ellenwood, Lance Narowetz, Jay Kiestler, Chris Baskins, and Logan Doyle; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the McNairy Central Bobcats for their success on the gridiron and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this Body joins the school administration, faculty, students, and community of McNairy County in congratulating the coaches and players of the McNairy Central High School Bobcats on their Region 6-AAA Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them much continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.